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Mr. Michael Stroeh, Project Leader
Coastal Delaware Refuge Complex
Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
2591 Whitehall Neck Road
Smyrna, DE 19977

Dear Mr. Stroeh:

On June 16, 2009, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Bombay Hook and Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuges. I am pleased to report that no defoliation was detected at, or in the vicinity of, your sites.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2010, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 21, 2009.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

Rodney L. Whiteman

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